

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PACKAGE TOURS TO STUDENTS IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Karnataka in association with the education department and Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) have drawn up any special package tours for school students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government is also providing logistics support to the department for its Chinnara Karnataka Scheme;
- (d) if so, whether the State Government has sought any financial assistance from the Union Government for the said scheme; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The programme is known as 'Chinnara Karnataka Darshana' and run by Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation. All the 202 educational blocks of 27 districts of the State (50 children from each block) are being covered. The tour programme is of 5 days and the total cost of the project is Rs.185 lakh.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e): The assistance under the programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, which also include Chinnara Karnataka Darshana will be on 85:15 sharing arrangement during the 9th Plan, 75:25 sharing arrangement during the 10th Plan and 50:50 sharing thereafter between the Central Government and the State Government.